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What's in it?

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Gruesome rape and murder of minor by accused known to victim puts POCSO cases in spotlight; researchers say many crimes go unreported

HORROR STORY

Bengaluru recorded 444 cases under POCSO Act in 2022

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A 26-year-old man from Bengaluru, who was in a relationship with a married woman with a child, raped his girlfriend's 3-year-old daughter and murdered the child on Tuesday.

The woman lived alone with her daughter, and worked at a garment factory. She was in a relationship with the accused for a year. The accused, who used to come to her house often to meet her, after raping her 3-year-old daughter, strangled the child to death.

The incident was reported under the jurisdiction of Kamakshipalya police station. Accused was arrested and booked under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The police said the accused, a drug and alcohol addict, raped the girl under the influence.

"The mother came home after

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Massive delay in disposal of POCSO cases by special POCSO courts even though the Act mandates trial within a year...

— Apoorva, researcher, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy

Balcony bulldozed

Sudden demolition of balconies at apartments leaves owners shocked



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Residents of RR Livingston Apartment in Rajiv Gandhi Nagar are having sleepless nights over the demolition drive taken up by Yelahanka tahsildar.

The residents were in for a shock when the revenue inspector sent some workers to demolish balconies of two apartments. The workers barged into the flats and used the electricity of the respective flats to demolish balconies.

As per the tahsildar's order, the encroachment of balconies to the extent of 0.8 m have to be cleared by providing props at 0.6 m staggered spacing below the cantilever slab. The slab of the width of 0.8 m (encroached area) shall be removed either by diamond cutting or chiseling, and the removal of slab needs to be done under civil engineer's supervision with all safety precautions adhered.

However, the residents alleged that no safety measures were taken nor were they informed about 'clearing of encroachments' in advance. The flat owners said the tahsildar issued an order on January 27 to the BBMP joint commissioner, Yelahanka zone,

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2 THINGS TO DO



01 Crafty shopping

Grab an opportunity to visit the grand Rajasthani exhibition that brings the most celebrated artforms from various regions of India. Handmade jewellery, carpets, durries, mojaris/jutis, marble crafts, colorful fabrics like Bandhani, Lucknow seikan carving, Bengali pure cotton dresses and sarees and more. The exhibition also aims to bring together rural artisans from eastern India and their artforms. **Where:** Banashankari Mahila Samaja, Opp D-Mart, Devegowda Petrol Bunk, Banashankari 2nd Stage; **When:** February 2 to 15



02 Rock on!

One of the most loved places for hangouts in the city presents Jackfruit Dance Party. Enjoy Twokid Wickid, performance by Prithvi Varadarajan and Achal Khanolkar. The party is also introducing Skye who began his career as Resident DJ in 2016. Also watch other artists like Alias Aashish Gupta and Rishi Sippy perform their best of electronic music. **Where:** Indiranagar Social; **When:** February 3

Taking biotin add-ons?
Results can stun you

Over consumption of biotin can interfere in blood test results, says FDA; doctors suggest biotin supplements be taken only on prescription

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Biotin also known as vitamin B7, which is found to be naturally in some foods and also in supplements, has been lately promoted for hair, skin, and nail health. However, with increase in use of these supplements the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had stated that its over consumption can lead to interference in blood test results.

Biotin is said to be helpful in breaking down fats, carbohydrates and proteins. It is easily available in over-the-counter multivitamin pills and nutritional supplements and has specific uses in the medical field.

Dr Anil Abraham, Consultant Dermatologist, Abrahams Skin and Hair Clinic said, "Biotin does affect blood test results when taken in higher doses. High-dose biotin can produce a dangerous combination of positive and negative interference among the thyroid tests. Taking too much biotin can interfere with lab tests for markers of heart attacks (like troponin)."

An inaccurate lab result can have serious consequences like making a heart attack difficult to diagnose. The FDA also notes that it's seeing an increase in reports of biotin interference in lab work, he added.

Currently, there are many advertisements for the sale of biotin



The dosage of biotin to be taken should be 30µg. However, many supplements sold in the market range from 5000 to 10,000µg

in the form of supplements and even gummies on online platforms, where overdose of it could be harmful.

"Biotin is often randomly prescribed for hair loss. But more than that is the self medication where patients take gummies and other random biotin supplements without any basis or medical consultation. Many vitamins are considered as having a possible role in healthy hair. However, random prescription of any vitamin without a clear indication is unscientific and risky,"

he explained.

One should take vitamins only when prescribed by the doctor for a specific reason and not based on trends, influencers or non-medical WhatsApp forwards, he added further.

The dosage of biotin to be taken should be 30 micrograms (µg), but many supplements which are sold or marketed for beauty reasons contain higher doses, ranging from 5000-10,000 µg. According to Dr Sunil Kumar Prabhu, Dermatologist and Aesthetic Physician at Aster RV Hos-

The steps and tricks to have healthy hair

- Meet a qualified hair expert
- Don't self-medicate
- Don't take supplements unless prescribed by a doctor
- Get specific tests including trichoscopy and blood evaluation before treating hair loss
- Normal balanced diet with all macronutrients and micronutrients are essential for hair growth

Patients take gummies and other random biotin supplements without any consultation. This is unscientific and risky
— Dr Anil Abraham

pital, normally nutrition experts recommend a daily biotin intake of 30 µg.

"Most supplements have 100-200 µg of biotin, assuming biotin deficiency or believing that supra-physiological doses help in management of the condition. Although the evidence to support biotin alone for hair growth is weak and limited, the evidence is slightly stronger for preventing hair loss," he said.

"Biotin supplements are only likely to prevent hair loss and promote hair growth in people with a biotin deficiency," he added.

VK Kannada Habba: Celebration begins this Saturday

The countdown has begun for VK Kannada Habba, which will be held on February 4 and 5 between 10 am to 9 pm at Jnanjyoti auditorium. The programme is organised in association with Bengaluru City University (BCU).

The Kannada Habba programme will begin with a colourful procession of Kannada Ratha by folk artists on Saturday. The programme will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai on Saturday at 10:30 am. Revenue Minister R Ashoka, film actor-director Rishab Shetty, litterateur HS Venkatesh Murthy, Prof Lingaraja Gandhi (Vice-Chancellor, BCU), Pradeep Eshwar (Head of Parishrama NEET Academy), SP Dayanand (Executive Director, DS Max) and K Vijaya Kala (Head of Ad6 Advertising) will be the chief guests.



The 2-day programme will feature Tughlaq play, Bharatanatyam, selfie session with vintage cars and more

A host of interesting programmes are lined up for the 2-day function. On day one, film actor Anirudh will inaugurate the 'Health is wealth' programme, which also includes free health, eye, dental and cancer check up camps. This will be followed by book mela, food mela, interaction with Rishab Shetty, Tughlaq play,



short movie-Walking with wolf (by Krupakar Senani), Bharatanatyam by Anuradha Vikrant, music-comedy jugal bandi by Naveen Sajju and Raghavendra Acharya.

The second day will see children's corner (musical concert by children, pottery and fancy dress competition), selfies with vintage cars, rangoli con-



test, discussion on growth of Kannada in digital space, Yakshagana, art programme by Badal Nanjundaswamy, panel discussion on start-up success and challenges, magic show and Kathastra Nrityakala Vaibhav.

The valedictory programme will be held on Sunday between 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm and attended by Higher



Education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, Vachananda Swamiji, Geeta Shivarajkumar, MLC TA Saravana, BCU Vice-Chancellor Lingaraja Gandhi and registrar CN Sridhar. Vasuki Vaibhav will also present his musical concert. There will be culinary delight as well as, one can taste diverse food from Malnad, coastal, northern and southern Karnataka cuisines. The entry for Kannada Habba is free. For registration, please WhatsApp your name, address and contact number to 7676668588. — **Prakash VL**

Speeding lorry kills mother-daughter duo

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A concrete mixer lorry lost control and fell on top of a car near Bannerghatta, killing a mother and her daughter.

The deceased have been identified as 47-year-old IT employee Gayatri Kumar and her 16-year-old daughter Samatha.

Gayatri was driving her daughter to school when the lorry, coming at a high speed, lost control at a turn and fell on top of the car.

Gayatri was the wife of Tharalu resident Sunil Kumar, and the couple had been living in Bangalore for 20 years. Sunil reached the spot when he got a message about his wife's car being in an accident.

CRIME FILES



The two died of serious injuries after the accident

Since it was a concrete lorry, four cranes and one JCB were used to clear it. The duo died of serious injuries.

Dead body found in Chikkamagaluru
Meanwhile, the dead body of a Bengaluru resident has been found in Charmadi Ghat, Chikkamagaluru.

Govindaraju, a resident of Mathikere in Bengaluru, allegedly fell in love with a girl in his family. Last Monday, four accused persons (two have been identified as Anil and Bharat) kidnapped him from Mathikere, killed him in Rajgopal Nagar, and tossed his body into a deep abyss of Charmadi Ghat. The accused were also reportedly a part of his family. Govindaraju's parents had lodged a complaint with the Yeshwanthpur police station about his disappearance. When police started the investigation, the family suspected Anil, so the police took him into custody and interrogated him. At the same time, Bharat and two others admitted to the crime. On Wednesday, the accused were called to Charmadi Ghat.

Later, the police found the dead body.

We want info on BIFF. Spare us X-rated stuff

Anyone in-charge of film academy section on govt site?

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Citizens wanting to keep up with the Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy's activities and programmes through the state government's website (Karnataka.gov.in) were in for a shock.

Generally, the Department of Information and Public Relations updates data on activities, especially about the Bengaluru International Film Festival, on the site.

However, people have been coming across various irrelevant and graphic content there.

When a person clicks on the 'departments' segment, a list appears on the screen and the serial number 34 leads to the Karnataka Information and Public Relations Department. The 'societies' section leads to three societies: Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy Karnataka Madhyama Academy Kanteerava Studio

Clicking on the Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy left people stunned.

The page opened up to obscene, pornographic content.

The objective of the Department of Information and Public Relations is to disseminate information about different schemes, programmes, and achievements of the government to the people by using mass and non-conventional media.

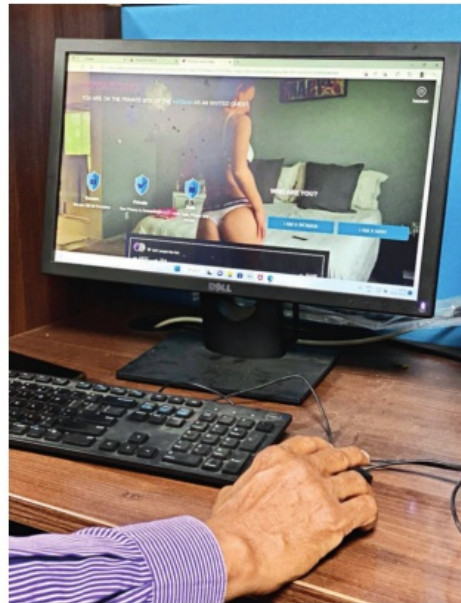
One of the main objectives of the Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy is to organise the Bengaluru International Film Festival and creative film festivals in the state and outside.

A senior journalist, BN Subramanya, said that it is the responsibility of the authorities concerned to monitor the website on a regular basis to prevent hacking and other miscreant activity.

When informed, the Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy registrar said that he would look into the matter.

"Our official website is clear," he told Bangalore Mirror.

The academy chairman Ashok Kashyap said



Citizens found obscene content while browsing the website for information

When academy was informed, we were told that registrar would be asked to keep tabs on the website. Something if done to begin with would have prevented this embarrassing gaffe perpetrated by hackers

that he would inform the registrar to keep tabs on the website.

"I will take legal action against those responsible for the hacking," he added.

Karnataka Department of Information and Public Relations Commissioner Dr PS Harsha said that he would direct the registrar to initiate legal action against those responsible for posting the pornographic pictures on the website.

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Couple assault delivery boy for 'missing items'

A Bengaluru couple assaulted a delivery boy with slippers for two missing items in their order.

The accused, Srini and wife, ordered grocery items through the Blinkit app. A total of eight items were ordered via the 'cash on delivery' mode. Accordingly, the delivery boy, Viresh,

came from Gollahalli around 8 am. the couple complained about two items missing. Following that, they hit the delivery boy. Hundreds of angry delivery agents protested in front of Prestige Sunrise Apartments in Electronic City until police reached the spot.

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Project trash transfer faces delay over space

Land acquisition proves to be hurdle in Palike's proposal of setting up Mini Transfer Systems to reduce waste; 1,200 square feet of land is required

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Four years after the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had proposed setting up Mini Transfer Stations (MTS), only 21 out of 50 MTS have been established. The agency says that a network of Mega and Mini Transfer stations is the key to scientific collection of waste in the city.

The establishment of mini-transfer stations that could reduce manual handling of waste and street-side black spots failed to take off in full measure due to land acquisition issues. Initially, the BBMP had set plans for 60 mini-transfer stations, but later, they were reduced to 50 stations. Only 11 are operational right now.

"We still haven't reached the 50-station mark. Currently, 11 stations are operational and 10 are ready for operation. Another nine stations are still under construction. We will complete the construction of the stations very shortly," said a BBMP official.

Officials say that the Palike is facing difficulty in finding land to establish these stations. "We were able to find places for the stations, but it was adjacent to parks, lakes, and buffer zones and faced some opposition. BBMP wants to construct at least one transfer station per ward," he said.

As per the proposal, the mini transfer station allows for the transfer of garbage in closed spaces. The garbage auto-tippers will directly dump it into a container and compress it. The leachate will be passed into the leachate tank or sewer line. There will be two portable compac-



According to the Palike, a network of Mega and Mini Transfer Stations is the key to scientific collection of waste in the city; however, only 11 mini-transfer stations are in operation at the moment

tors for the continuous dumping of garbage. The prevention of leachate leaks will also reduce the odour emanating from garbage transfer areas. Additionally, these premises will be washed daily and deodorant-like material will be used for odour control. BBMP says that the process will reduce the time taken to collect garbage as the process allows for quick unloading and compressing of waste.

However, there have been considerable concerns about the proposal increasing the distance travelled by the auto-tippers to reach the transfer stations.

The BBMP needs to acquire 1,200 sq ft of space to set up these mini-transfer stations and an additional 10 feet for parking the transfer vehi-

"We still haven't reached the 50-station mark. Currently, 11 stations are operational"

— BBMP official

cles. According to estimates, it costs BBMP Rs 1.27 crore to set up one station and the equipment cost will be Rs 30 lakh. The machinery required for the station will be around Rs 95 lakh - 1 crore. BBMP will have to spend 3 lakh per month, he added.

BBMP Special Commissioner (SWM), Harish Kumar said, "Currently, waste is being transferred from the autos to the compactor in an open space. The new concept allows for simultaneous loading in a

designated area. The mini-transfer is not the final solution and we are going to experiment with the mega-transfer station. The mega transfer station will allow for a reduction in the number of transport vehicles. The same process is being followed in Indore—known for its adept SWM policy implementation—but here, there has been contention over escalating costs. Waste processing in the city needs to turn towards a more scientific method."

Last year, BBMP received the nod from the state government to build three mega transfer stations at the cost of Rs 305 crore. Each mega station would cover 10 wards and hold the capacity to transfer 150 TPD and the mini transfer stations can process 25 TPD.

Encroachment drive against balconies

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but they came to know about it on January 31.

"I have tried to meet Yelahanka tahsildar many times but in vain. I tried to explain to him about our problems but the tahsildar or the revenue inspector is not ready to listen to what we want to say," said Sujatha MB, who owns a flat on the second floor of RR Livingston Apartment.

The flat owners further alleged that the tahsildar did not submit the second survey report to the court. They said the revenue authorities surveyed the government land twice to find out about the encroachments. According to the owners, the first survey report dated March 17, 2020 mentioned the encroachment of 0.80 m by RR Livingston Apartment alongside eight other encroachments including a road in

Koti Hosahalli and Kodigehalli villages. The second survey report dated September 24, 2021 did not include RR Livingston Apartment as an encroacher; the survey report said there is one acre and 10 guntas of vacant land.

Vijay, a resident, said as per the first and second survey reports, there are eight other encroachers but the revenue authorities and the tahsildar targeted only RR Livingston Apartment, oblivious towards other encroachers who have political and community clout.

"I condemn the revenue authorities for demolishing balconies just to produce the photos of demolition before the honourable judge. I demand Yelahanka tahsildar produce the second survey report prepared by taluk and village panchayat officials. I challenge the revenue authorities to take similar action against those



A resident condemned revenue authorities for the demolition

for constructing a road to benefit a particular builder," said Vijay.

Meanwhile, Yelahanka tahsildar Anilkumar Arolikar said that he is implementing the honourable court's order. "We gave a notice to the flat owners. They submitted the documents. I submitted the report to the court based on the documents submitted by the flat owners," said the tahsildar.

The process of recovering the land began when Ashwath Narayana Gowda filed a petition in the High Court on June 4, 2007 against encroachment of 2 acres and 12 guntas of government land.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court acquitted Degaiah R, who owns the land on which RR Livingston Apartment is constructed, from land grabbing charges in a judgment dated December 18, 2017.

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Music Concert by Naveen Sajju and Vasuki Vaibhav and Bharatanatyam by Anuradha Vikrant

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- Staging of play Tughlaq by Vedike Nataka Shale

- Inspirational talk by Pradeep Eshwar of Parishrama Academy



- Discussion with writer Dr. K. Ganeshiah

- Musical extravaganza by Naveen Sajju and team

- Selfie with Vintage Cars

- A procession of Kannada Chariots



5th February, Sunday 10 AM to 9 PM

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- Rangoli competition for women

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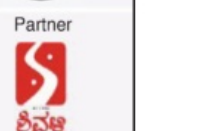
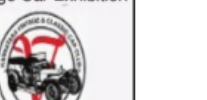
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Half-brother of Jayalalithaa? 83-yr-old from K'taka moves Madras HC

An 83-year-old man from Karnataka has approached the Madras High Court claiming to be the half-brother of former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu late J Jayalalithaa.

Vasudevan said that he was the

son of Jayalalithaa's father Jayaram from his first wife and hence he was the half-brother to the late Chief Minister.

The petitioner has filed an application to recall the Madras High Court order of May 29, 2020,

to declare J. Deepa and J. Deepak, the niece, and nephew of J. Jayalalithaa as her legal heirs.

He also referred to a case filed by his mother in 1950 claiming maintenance from his father. Vasudevan also claimed that he

had written several letters to J. Deepa and contended that he would have been made a party to the petitions filed by J. Deepa and J. Deepak seeking a declaration as the legal heirs of the late Chief Minister.

The Madras High Court ordered notice to Deepa and Deepak on the petition of Vasudevan to condone a delay of 460 days in filing the application and called for counter affidavits if any before February 10. **-IANS**

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I, Geetha Mary D/o Late, George Mathew R/o #1351, 13th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, B'lturu-560076 have changed my minor son name from Jonathan Prince Victor to Jonathan Prince Mathew & Noah jeevan victor to Noah George Mathew for all purposes

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Yet another childhood vandalised in Bengaluru

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work in the evening and saw her daughter lying unconscious. Soon after, she called her 'boy-friend'. Thereafter, the accused arrived at the scene as if he didn't know anything and took her to the nearby hospital. Then, the minor was declared dead by the doctor. Later, when the accused tried to torture and beat the woman, she complained to the police. During the interrogation, the accused confessed that he had raped and killed the minor," the police said.

Bengaluru recorded 153 rape cases in 2022, out of which 149 were committed by people known to the victim; just four rapes were committed by an unknown person. The city recorded as many as 444 cases under the POCSO Act in 2022. There were 286 and 399 POCSO cases filed in 2020 and 2021 respectively in Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, researchers said that cases related to rape of a minor often go unreported.

"There are a number of reasons that affect reporting of cases concerning sexual abuse of minors. Firstly, social stigma associated with such cases makes people hesitant to report the crime. Though the POCSO Act and Supreme Court judgments on the issue have laid down ways to protect the identity of a child victim, studies have found that the identity of victims is often revealed (even by courts in judgments), leading to further stigmatisation of the victim. Such instances can dissuade other victims and/or their families from coming forward to report the crime," said Apoorva, researcher of the POCSO Act at Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy.

Apoorva added that another factor that can play an important role in dissuading victims or their families from reporting these cases is the delay in disposal of POCSO cases by the courts.



"Vidhi's study analysing over 2 lakh POCSO cases found that there is massive delay in disposal of POCSO cases by the special POCSO courts even though the POCSO Act mandates the trial should be completed within a period of one year. Delays in disposal of cases prevent victims from moving on with their lives; many might choose to not report the crime rather than going through the process of a lengthy trial," added Apoorva.

Gender researcher Paati said the lack of conversation around minors and sex adds to the problem.

"There are certain cases where the minor would complain about being touched inappropriately by a relative but then they would be shut down by parents who dismiss it as a playful or friendly gesture. The problem lies within the fact that we are not ready to talk about harassment or sexual misconduct at home. Even if the children are being taught about good touch and bad touch at school, the parents are not aware of it," she told BM.

Can box, but will play volleyball this time

Minnat Zarin, a commerce student of Mount College in Bengaluru, who is qualified for both volleyball and boxing disciplines, preferred to play Volleyball for the state team in the Khelo India Games 2022.

Minnat Zarin opted to compete in volleyball for the state team as her friends insisted. "Volleyball and boxing competitions were overlapping,

but I preferred volleyball as the team needed me more," the 12th-class student said.

Both volleyball and boxing competitions are being held in Bhopal.

Despite playing a pivotal role, Karnataka's volleyball team narrowly lost the opening league match against West Bengal. "It was a tough match but I am happy that our team gave their

best," Minnat Zarin added.

According to Minnat Zarin the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 will act as a good platform to improve mind-set for future competitions.

"It is good exposure to interact with athletes from other states at the Khelo India Youth Games competition and learn how they practice," the Karnataka team player said. —ANI

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Could we stick to old taxation regime?

B'lureans disturbed by decision to make new regime the default one, wonder if old scheme would be discontinued soon

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Following presentation of the Union Budget 2023 on Wednesday, many are urging the Centre to continue with both the old and new regimes of taxation. During her Budget speech, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, "We are also making the new income tax regime as the default tax regime. However, citizens will continue to have the option to avail the benefit of the old tax regime." This 'default' statement has stirred a debate and many are questioning if the Centre wants to continue the old regime in the long run.

TM Rajesh, a techie based in the city, said, "I have borrowed huge loans for housing. If the Centre plans to shift to the new regime, then I may not be able to claim any rebates. The Centre should continue with both the options." Girish J, a businessman, said he has quite a few savings for the long run and the new regime has no provision to take these into account. Anand Kulkarni, a tax consultant, told BM there is a fear among many that the old regime may be scrapped though we don't know the Centre's intent. "Today if you give an option to a person who is earning Rs 7 lakh per annum, then s/he may choose to go for a new regime if he has no investment. However, many have saving up, and want to claim rebate for tuition fee, PPF, health insurance premium, parents' health premium, so the old regime is quite attractive."

According to him, the Centre wants to promote new regime. "If someone moves to a new regime, then they may not get any deductions, which is why many had not moved to it. People who have got insurance would have got it for period of seven to 10 years and so people continued with the old regime."



Move to increase taxable limit from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 7 lakh lauded

He said that the new regime may also discourage savings. The other disadvantage of the new regime is that other than the salaried category, if anyone enters the new regime, they cannot opt out. "One of the reasons for pushing the new regime is some people produce fake savings certificates and it is a long process for the IT department to go for verification," he said. Dr IS Prasad, former president of FKCCI, said it is a welcome move to increase the taxable limit from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 7 lakh and tax slab rates up to Rs 15 lakh will benefit all individual taxpayers.

The Finance Minister proposed to change the tax structure in this regime by reducing the number of tax slabs to five and increasing the

tax exemption limit to Rs 3 lakh.

"Tax for income of Rs 0-Rs 3 lakh is nil, for income above Rs 3 lakh and up to Rs 5 lakh will be taxed at 5%, for income of above Rs 6 lakh and up to Rs 9 lakh will be taxed at 10% and for income above Rs 12 lakh and up to Rs 15 lakh to be taxed at 20%, and above Rs 15 lakh at 30%. This means a person earning Rs 9 lakh a year will now be paying just Rs 45,000 instead of Rs. 60,000 currently; a person earning Rs 15 lakh will now pay only 10% of this as tax. Meanwhile, the limit of Rs 3 lakh for tax exemption on leave encashment on government salaried employees that was set in 2002 when government salaries were lower and is now being raised to Rs 25 lakh," the FM said in her budget speech.

Nothing much for state, but aid to Bhadra

As Karnataka is to face elections in the next few months, it was expected that the Union Budget would shower sops for it. But, there was no mention of any big ticket project for the state except for the central assistance for the Bhadra project. During her speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, "In the drought prone central region of Karnataka, central assistance of Rs 5,300 crore will be given to Upper Bhadra Project to provide sustainable micro irrigation and filling up of surface tanks for drinking water."

Reacting to this, Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai said the Upper Bhadra Project has been one of the important irrigation projects of the State and it will irrigate over one lakh hectares of land in drought-hit and dry land in Central Karnataka. "The state had forwarded a proposal to the Union government to declare this project as a national project and it was happy that Rs 5,300 crore grants had been announced. This is the first national project among the several irrigation projects of the State." Meanwhile, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said the budget proposal to establish 157 new nursing colleges in co-location with the existing 157 medical colleges established since 2014 is a welcome move to address the increasing human resource needs in the healthcare sector. "Launching dedicated multidisciplinary courses for medical devices will go a long way in ensuring availability of skilled manpower for futuristic medical technologies, high-end manufacturing and research. The focus on promoting millets will not only ensure better nutrition and health among citizens but will also boost our fight against climate change," he said.

For suburban rail

Meanwhile, train users said that the suburban railway project has received Central government budgetary allocation of Rs 450 crore and Rs 900 crore as Extra Budgetary Resources (EBR). —BMB

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With new regime, be very careful with tax arithmetic

You need to be very cautious in calculating your taxable income as even a minor miscalculation at a critical threshold of Rs 7 lakh may make you pay significant income tax instead of zero tax.

The government has given a great push to make the new tax regime appear attractive to many taxpayers by increasing a rebate, introducing a new deduction and tweaking the tax slab in budget 2023.

The most prominent is the 87A rebate which makes your tax liability nil if your net taxable income is up to Rs 7 lakh. So, if you are not a salaried individual or a pensioner and your

income goes up by Rs 2000 from Rs 7 lakh to 7.02 lakh then you will be needed to pay an income tax of Rs 25,200 instead of zero.

In case you are a salaried person then this threshold goes up to Rs 7.5 lakh as salaried persons and pensioners are eligible to get Rs 50,000 standard deduction from the next financial year. If you gross monthly income is Rs 62,500, a minor increase of Rs 2000 in your annual income will make you pay Rs 25,200 as tax which is around 40% of gross monthly salary.

Be cautious with income around Rs 7 to Rs 7.5 lakh: Going forward the exact amount of income may be the



most critical factor for deciding whether you would get better tax savings in the old tax regime or the new tax regime. If your income is near the threshold like Rs 7 lakh for non-salaried people and Rs 7.5 lakh for salaried people, then you need to be very cau-

tious to make sure there is no surprise in terms of higher income.

Make sure to count gross salary: The new tax regime does not offer most of the very popular deductions and exemptions. Therefore, salaried people need to be cautious while opting for the tax regime. While calculating the annual income you would need to consider gross salary as even your EPF contribution will not be eligible for deduction under the new tax regime as it does not allow section 80C deduction. Other surprises which may increase your income abruptly may come in the form of bonus, incentives.

By Naveen Kumar, ETOnline

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Acute brain injury can result in significant damage and loss of consciousness, warranting life support and admission to an intensive care unit. A complex journey toward recovery begins, sometimes involving daily life-and-death battles.

As the acuity of the life-threatening injury declines and the patient's condition stabilizes a bit, the dust starts to settle. But then so many questions begin.

"Will they ever wake up?" is one of the most common and challenging questions that families navigating this emotional rollercoaster journey ask us.

It is also one of the most daunting questions for care teams. As in many situations, the honest and so unfulfilling answer has to be, "We don't know."

We are both neurologists specialising in neurocritical care, with clinical and research interests in acute brain damage and outcomes. We think a recent study provides new insights into the wide spectrum of states between consciousness and unconsciousness, and opens intriguing possibilities for further research, and perhaps predicting outcomes.

How do care teams try to determine if someone is conscious?

Let's start by defining consciousness, or the ability to maintain alertness and to be aware and interact with the surroundings. Physicians prompt patients to follow instructions such as "Wiggle your toes" and "Stick out your tongue," in order to assess their level of awareness and delineate signs of consciousness.

What is traditionally termed a "simple command" actually requires a complex array of brain functions in order to be carried out correctly. Hearing needs to be intact, the meaning of the commands to be understood and processed, planning of the expected task to be on point, and last, the nerves telling the respective muscles to contract need to be functioning. Different areas of the brain are activated depending on the task being planned or performed.

A tool that can help is an electroencephalogram, or EEG, which tests brain waves. Functional brain imaging, such as functional MRI, is another tool used to gain more insight into what is going on inside a brain by monitoring the change in activity of certain areas, especially, if no such "simple commands" can be executed.

However, none of these means so far has offered a granular insight into what exactly is going on "in there," or even if there is someone trapped "in there," so early in the course of severe acute brain injury.

New insights may bring new promise

In the recent study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, neurointensive care physicians – doctors who take care of patients with brain injury in intensive care – and researchers took brain wave analysis to the next level. They connected unresponsive patients with

acute brain injury to continuous EEG, and asked them to perform simple commands while their brain waves were being recorded. The EEG data then were fed into a machine-learning algorithm derived from healthy volunteers, which compared the change in brain activity from the state while at rest to the activity recorded following the commands.

Of 104 patients studied, 15% showed activation of brain activity corresponding to the command, even though bedside examiners did not see any visible response – a phenomenon termed cognitive-motor dissociation.

In a particularly striking finding, the researchers found that patients who showed brain activation were

Where does this lead?

Does this answer all our questions about consciousness?

Certainly not. Many questions remain. Several assessments of brain activity in the same patient showed that detection of cognitive-motor dissociation was not a static phenomenon, but rather inconsistent

and places.

Consciousness is much more than what we humans are able to detect with our bare eyes, even for seasoned experts. Combined with a technology that is five years short of celebrating its 100th birthday since the first EEG recording in 1924, artificial intelligence has

Will they ever wake up?

New study on consciousness after brain injury shows 'maybe'

Finding of study shows for the first time a pattern of hidden brain activity in unresponsive patients early after severe brain injury

more than three times as likely, compared to those who showed no brain activation, to make strides in recovery and gain at least partial independence over the year following the brain injury. They were also nearly twice as likely to be able to demonstrate visible response and actually follow commands by the end of their hospital stay.

This finding is important because, for the first time, scientists could see such a pattern of hidden brain activity in unresponsive patients early after severe brain injury and connect these findings to long-term outcomes, suggesting that such activity might be an early sign for recovery.



ent. This makes sense, as even healthy brains go through phases such as deep sleep where one would likely not activate their brain when called to "wiggle your toes."

However, in the setting of an intensive care unit normal sleep-wake cycles are disturbed. Also, patients often are sedated, and the presence of sedative drugs might interfere with these assessments. Further, even without clear outer stimuli, fluctuations in the level of neurologic function are common in patients with brain injury throughout their ICU stay. Thus, the findings of this study still need to be replicated in different patients

demonstrated its potential to enhance the yield of EEG in illuminating the black box of the brain.

This study allows a peek under an iceberg and may transform how we practice neurologic outcome prediction. The use of machine learning to process data that the human eye would not be able to appreciate has already started to revolutionize the field of medicine. But, we also have to accept that this is just the beginning. What that means is that in many instances, when relatives ask "Will they ever wake up?" in the first few days after a severe brain injury, the honest answer still is "We don't know." But the patient might hear us already.

Katharina M Busl, Carolina B Maciel, University of Florida, The Conversation



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a man in my 30s, married with no children. A couple of weekends ago, my wife went away on a team-building weekend with her colleagues, which involved staying two nights in a hotel. When she came home, she was pretty quiet and said she was exhausted, and didn't reveal much about what she'd got up to on the weekend. I had an off day, so unpacked her case to put some washing on and found a pair of men's boxers with her clothes. They're not mine so, obviously, I jumped to the conclusion that she'd slept with someone on the trip and accidentally packed his boxers. I don't know how to talk to her about this. I can't stop thinking about it and it's driving me mad.

COLEEN SAYS

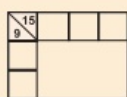
You've convinced yourself she's slept with someone else and you don't want to hear it from her. But you can't keep ignoring this – it's already driving you mad, and the longer you sit with it, the more stressed you'll become. But yes, I think it's probably wise to prepare yourself for the worst-case scenario. You're married, you need honesty and I think the way to approach it with her would be to say something like: "I need to get this off my chest. I found these shorts when I was doing the washing and would like to know how they came to be in your bag". Then see what she says. If it's not what you want to hear, try not to lose control.

I've learned to walk away for half an hour if I'm confronted with something upsetting because I don't want to react in anger. Then you can go back when you're feeling calmer and have the discussion. There could be an innocent explanation, for instance, a prank by her colleagues that's gone horribly wrong or she's bought them herself to sleep in. But the point is, you can't "unsee" these boxers, so be brave and ask her. Good luck.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

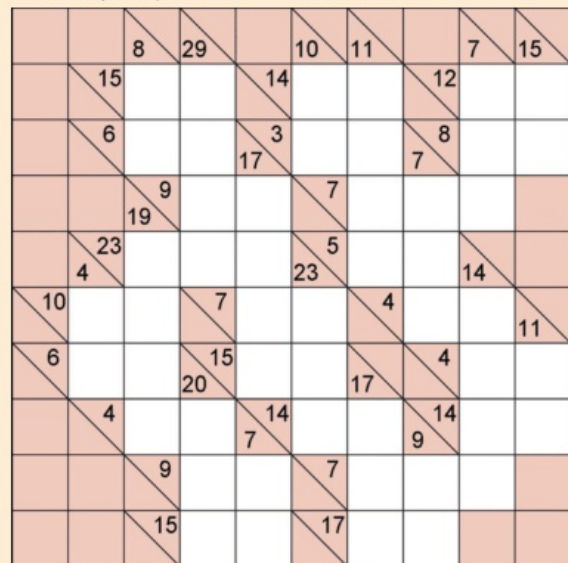
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

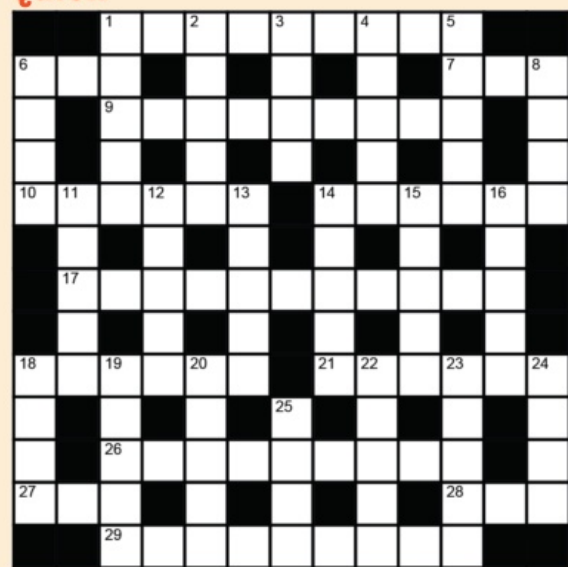


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Domineering (9)
- 6 Attila or his follower (3)
- 7 Strike, rap (3)
- 9 Pierce (9)
- 10 Duty levied on goods entering a town? (6)
- 14 Rotate (6)
- 17 Exaggerated sense of power (11)
- 18 Former Iraqi dictator (6)
- 21 Manger (6)
- 26 Festival celebrated in January (9)
- 27 Large tart (3)
- 28 Frequently (3)
- 29 Doubt or misgiving (9)

DOWN

- 1 Computer data (5)
- 2 Piebald horse (5)
- 3 Ceremony (4)
- 4 Egg producer (5)
- 5 Biblical queen (5)
- 6 Ring of light (4)
- 8 This ebbs and flows (4)
- 11 (5)
- 12 Not flexible (5)
- 13 The Muslim faith (5)
- 14 Entire range (5)
- 15 Musical composition (5)
- 16 Plucked string sound (5)
- 18 Camera shot (4)
- 19 Prescribed amounts (5)
- 20 Kinswomen (5)
- 22 India's cricket trophy (5)
- 23 Alliance (5)
- 24 Injured (4)
- 25 Able was I, ___ saw Elba? (3,1)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: P EQUALS A
PTT AHLNYK CX P TWPU CV
YKW OPHM, P XULYYPVWLZX
ZVUHWSWOCYPYWO PGY
NCYKLZY YKW EWWJCY LJ
WFUWHCWVGW.



Linemaro

I hope you know CPR, because you take my breath away!



Mindchow

Happiness does not depend on outward things, but on the way we see them



Joke of the day

If God is watching us, the least we can do is be entertaining

Loop

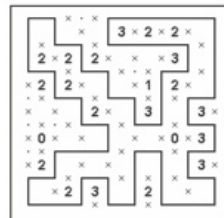
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

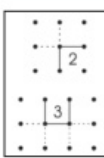
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

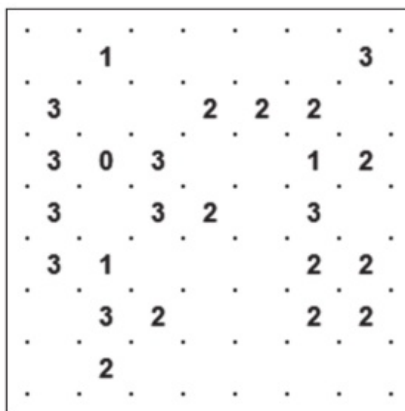
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



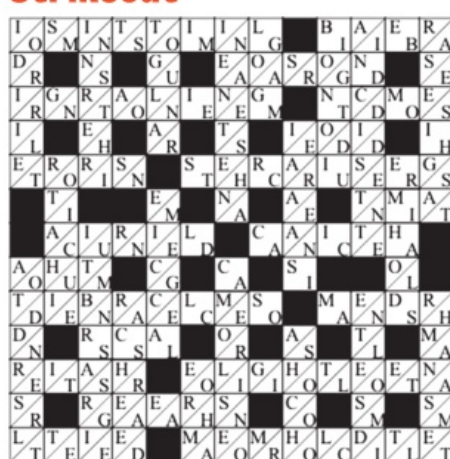
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



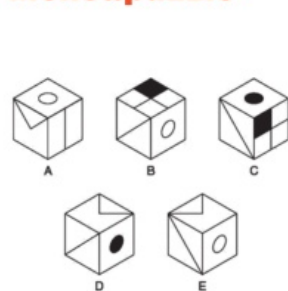
ACROSS

- 1 Prags; 6 Flier;
- 7 Laudo; 8 Me pul;
- 9 Shlep

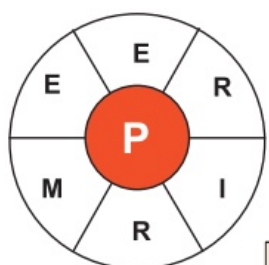
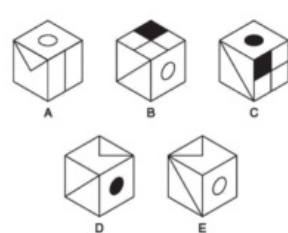
DOWN

- 1 Ph rag; 2 Iller;
- 3 Of alu; 4 Lumps;
- 5 Speed

Mensapuzzle



When the below is folded to form a cube, which one of the following can be produced?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

5 5 5 8 = 13

Medium

3 4 5 7 = 30

Hard

2 2 9 2 = 11

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Windup arm is missing. 4. Bush is smaller. 5. Tree is different. 6. Neckline is different.

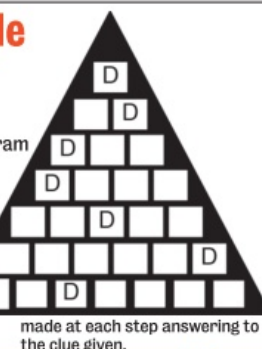
Riddler

The five words in the group below have something special in common. To discover what this is, continue reading this message. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to transform each of the following five words, so as to create a group of five new words, by applying exactly the same change to each word. action, allow, lawless, lower, rail

Alpha triangle

- 1 500 in numerals
- 2 Overdose, abbr.
- 3 A female deer
- 4 Performs
- 5 Writes a computer program
- 6 Not opened
- 7 Pampers

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

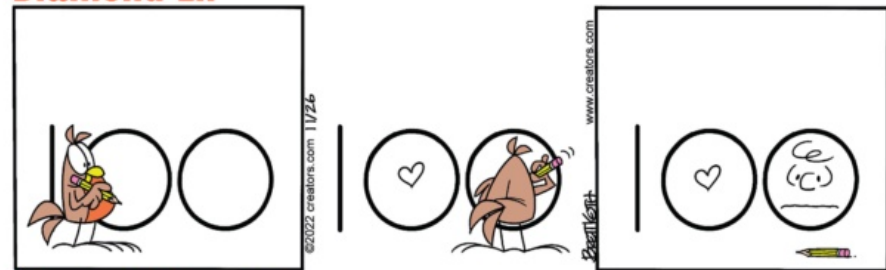
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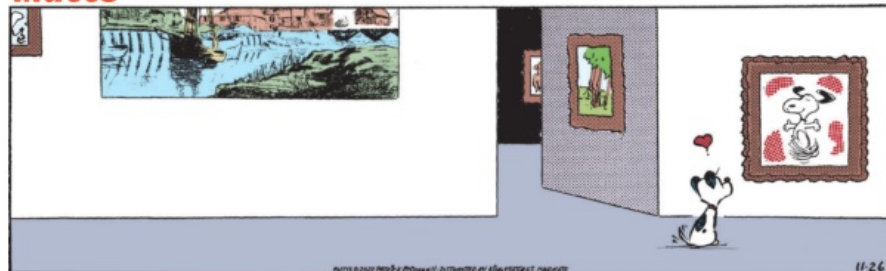
Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in business. It is also advised not to start new ventures. You are likely to face losses in business. Your gains are likely to convert into losses.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you may feel dull. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today you may not feel good. Old health issues may arise, which may make you upset. You may take some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurrying. It is advised to think twice before making any decision. Do not keep money loose, otherwise you may spend it on buying worthless stuff.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today you are blessed by the moon. You may be able to take quick decisions on the professional front. You may expect to get new opportunities in terms of business, which may boost your confidence levels. You are likely to start some new innovation with the help of your partner, which may increase your business in the near future.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you are advised to control your straightforwardness. Loose talking may affect people around you. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless items. Your mind is likely to work very fast, so it is advised to make any important decision with patience.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today there may be peace in your mind. You may plan to invest some capital in your business, which may increase liquidity. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in your family life. Singles are likely to find a suitable match. Lovebirds may get married.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today you are blessed by the moon. You may perform well at work and can expect some promotions or transfers in terms of gains. You may also plan to change your current job. Your relationship with your boss may be better now. Chronic health issues will be resolved, which will make your family happy.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today you may take quick decisions, which may benefit your day-to-day life. You may take some tough decisions with the help of your colleagues. You may get success easily. Property-related disputes between siblings are likely to be resolved. You can also expect some short trips.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you may be very happy, your losses may convert into profits. Your seniors may be happy and will appreciate your work. You are likely to see some changes in your place, position, or responsibilities at work in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and lovebirds may take important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you are blessed by the moon, which may give you confidence. You may be able to take important decisions confidently. You are decisive, so you will grab any opportunity without a second thought. You may spend money on family and friends. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments. Job aspirants are likely to get a suitable job with the help of friends.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you are advised to control your blunt nature. Loose talk may hurt others, so be mindful of what you say. You can spend time with friends and family. It is advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tourism.

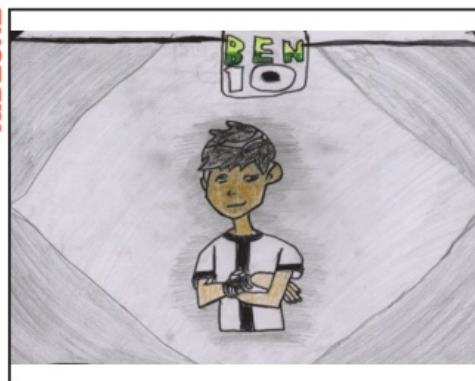


Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today you are blessed by the moon, which can make you happy. Last weeks' crunch is now over. With the help of blessings, you may get reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to re-initiate your postponed works. There are some gains in your business, which may boost your finances.



KIDZONE



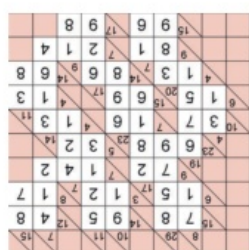
Sreevatsa V K P, 8 Years, Air Force School



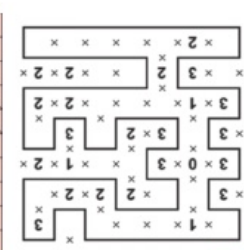
Aastha V Kharjwal, 6 Years, Bengaluru

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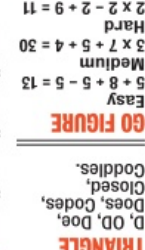
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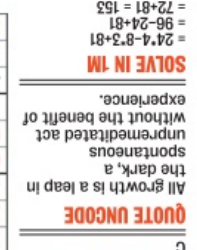
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ALPHA TRIANGLE



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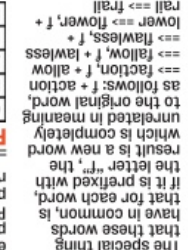
QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULLS EYE



RIDDLER

Nose for crime news



The trailer of the upcoming Yami Gautam Dhar-starrer film 'Lost' was unveiled on Wednesday. It shows the actress playing a crime reporter who is on a relentless search for the truth behind the sudden disappearance of a young theatre activist played by Tushar Pandey.

The film follows her search for truth as a local politician played by Rahul Khanna continues to obstruct her findings.

The trailer showcases a battle between what's right and what's the ultimate truth, and represents a search for lost values of empathy and integrity. The film also stars Pankaj Kapur, Neil Bhoopalam and Pia Bajpai.

Yami said "I am excited that the film is finally releasing, and the audiences will get to see a character which is so close to my heart. It is an ode to many journalists who go to great lengths in search of the truth while also walking that fine line which threads the very integrity of media & humanity."

— IANS

This Oscar nomination stays

After a review of the awards campaign for the indie drama "To Leslie", the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences has said that Andrea Riseborough will not be stripped of her Oscar nomination for best actress.

The star-studded grassroots campaign for Riseborough had prompted skepticism from some academy voters and caused a stir in Hollywood.

On Friday, the academy announced that it would examine whether any rules were broken. Shortly ahead of nominations, Riseborough was propelled into the race after a host of celebrities hosted screenings of "To Leslie" and numerous A-listers promoted her on social media.

After appeals from "To Leslie" director Michael Morris and his wife, actor Mary McCormack, Kate Winslet, Charlize Theron, Jennifer Aniston, Gwyneth Paltrow, Amy Adams and Courteney Cox all hosted screenings of the film.

Riseborough, a well-regarded British actor, was unexpectedly catapulted into the best-actress race despite the very small audience for "To Leslie" (about USD 27,000 in box office). "The Academy has determined the activity in question does not rise to the level that the film's nomination should be rescinded," Bill Kramer, academy chief executive, said in a statement on Tuesday. "However, we did discover social media and outreach campaigning tactics that caused concern. These tactics are being addressed with the responsible parties directly." The academy has rescinded nominations for campaigning that broke regulations before. Celebrity-hosted screenings are a regular feature of Oscar season, but how voters are contacted during the Oscar voting period is regulated.



On Tuesday, the academy suggested Riseborough's unorthodox campaign may necessitate tweaks to the bylaws. "Given this review, it is apparent that components of the regulations must be clarified to help create a better framework for respectful, inclusive, and unbiased campaigning," said Kramer.

Critics of Riseborough's campaign said it showed how a deep Rolodex could give a potential nominee a leg up.

Along with Riseborough, the nominees are: Cate Blanchett ("Tar"), Michelle Williams ("The Fabelmans"), Ana de Armas ("Blonde") and Michelle Yeoh ("Everything Everywhere All at Once").

— AP



NEW ENTRY

PC welcomes Samantha into world of Citadel

Priyanka Chopra who is gearing up for the international version of 'Citadel' on Wednesday welcomed Samantha Ruth Prabhu, the lead in the Indian version of the series.

Taking to Instagram Story, Priyanka re-shared the news along with a caption, "So excited about the world of Citadel expanding. Cannot wait to share it with u all."

The 'Oo Antava' star re-posted Priyanka's story and reacted with a heart emoticon.

Makers of the Indian version of 'Citadel', on Wednesday, officially announced that Samantha is the female lead of the project.

Being created by Raj and DK, 'Citadel' also stars

Varun Dhawan in the lead role. Samantha shared the update on her social media.

Welcoming Samantha on board, Aparna Purohit, head of India Originals, Prime Video, said, "We are absolutely thrilled to be working with Samantha once again. She made her streaming debut with The Family Man Season Two, on Prime Video, and is one of the most talented artistes in the industry today. We can't wait for audiences to see her on-screen in a brand new avatar, along with Varun and the incredibly talented ensemble cast we have on board for this series."

"The canvas for the Indian installment of Citadel is larger than life but the treatment and texture is retro, rooted, and quirky. The series is being shot extensively across India and international locales. With Raj & DK steering this ship and a terrifically talented cast, we are confident that the series is going to be nothing short of a spectacle," ANI



Supari killer

Actor-cum-director Yathiraj has announced his sixth movie Sathyam Shivam that is expected to go on the floors shortly. Sathyam Shivam is Yathiraj's sixth film as a director.

"The story revolves around a supari killer who can go to any extent for money. The movie will have all elements such as sentiments, love, violence and action. The specialty of this movie is action

scenes which will be natural," said Yathiraj.

Bullet Raj, who bankrolled Bhikshuka, plays the lead besides also producing this movie. "Many of my friends advised me not to go ahead with Bullet Raj as a hero, but I want to take it as a challenge to direct this movie with him



in the lead. His physique is frightening but he is a simple person. This movie is expected to go on floors from February 6," said the director.

He was all praise for Bullet Raj for consulting his better half Yashodha before taking a decision to bankroll this movie. Bullet Raj said that he collaborated with Yathiraj in five Kannada movies.

"Sathyam Shivam is my second movie as a producer. My previous movie Bhikshuka will release next month. Yathiraj plays a police inspector in Bhikshuka," said Bullet Raj. Sanjna Naidu will play a nurse.

NRIs love it

Sourabh Kulkarni, son of anchor Sanjeev Kulkarni, is all set to make his debut as a director in Sandalwood with SLV which is ready for release shortly.

In December 2022, SLV premiered in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Muscat and Sohar and won the hearts of NRI Kannadigas.

"I am very happy with the response for SLV from NRI Kannadigas. SLV is a comedy entertainer with lots of emotions and love elements," said Sourabh.

SLV has Anjan A Bharadwaj and Disha Ramesh, daughter of renowned actor Madya Ramesh, in the lead roles. "Both have acted well. I am sure the audiences will like them both," said Sourabh.

The full form of SLV is Siri Lambodara



Vivaha. The lead pair work as wedding planners who are making plans for Siri & Lambodara's marriage.

The star cast includes Rajesh Nataranga, Sunder Veena, Bala Rajwadi, Rohith Nagesh, PD

Satishchandra, Comedy Khiladigalu Sadanand Kale, Gicchi Gili Gili fame Shivu and theatre artists. SLV is bankrolled by 20 people under Versato Ventures, Pavamana Creations, Fouress Network Solutions and Dhupada Drushya banners. It was shot in 39 days in Bengaluru and Mysuru. Kitty Koushik has worked behind the camera.